

## State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

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## **Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program**

April 26, 2007

Supervisor

Permit number: M/003/016

Time: 11:00 am

Inspection Date: April 11.2007

Mine Name: Dove Creek Quarry

Operator Name: Dove Creek Quarries, LLC

**Inspector(s):** Lynn Kunzler, DOGM Other Participants: Ralph Metman

Mine Status: Active

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds			
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	$\overline{\boxtimes}$		
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control			
4. Deleterious Material			
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)			
6. Concurrent Reclamation			
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls,			
8. Soils			
9. Revegetation			
10. Other			

**Purpose of Inspection:** 

Follow-up inspection as result of comments received from the Forest Service

## **Inspection Summary:**

On March 27, 2007, the Forest Service notified the Division of potential non-compliance issues observed at the Dove Creek Quarry. Issues included: potential mining operations outside permit area, improper containment/storage of deleterious material, leaking (oil) equipment, and removal of 'inoperable' equipment. A map and/or description of the location of each item was provided.

A copy of the current permit map was used to compare where disturbances were located. It appeared that all disturbance was within the approved boundary (although the disturbance was outside of a previously surveyed disturbance boundary). Aninoperable truck, trackhoe, air drill and burned out pickup were observed within the disturbed area boundary. There was evidence that the trackhoe had been leaking oil. The other inoperable equipment was observed as well. Mr. Metman indicated that all this equipment (with the exception of the burned out truck) belongs to the previous owner (William Bown). They have contacted him to have this equipment removed. They have also made arrangements to have to burned out pickup removed by the end of the month. The barrels of fuel/used oil had been removed. Mr. Metman indicated that they have recently obtained a 'service' truck for fuel and oils. There will be no more storage of these products on site. Note, the Forest Service has sent the operator enforcement action regarding the potential disturbance outside the permit area, and clean-up/removal of the inoperable equipment. Since the improper fuel/oil storage was on private property, they did not take action on this issue.

Photos were taken to document site conditions.

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## **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

Since the improper storage of fuel/oil has been resolved prior to this inspection, no enforcement action was taken. The operator is also apparently taking proper action by contacting the owner of the inoperable (abandoned) equipment to have it removed. While the Forest Service has issued a Notice of Non-compliance for operating outside the permit area, it appeared that all disturbances were within the permit boundary as shown on the map. Mr. Metman indicated that they were trying to schedule a meeting with the Forest Service and Division within the next two weeks to discuss these issues as well as to discuss future plans and a revision to the current approved plan.

Continue to monitor this site when in the area.

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